

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. A screw cap according to claim 1, characterized in that the cap bottom (3) defines a circular groove (36) radially inside the spacer (31) thus reducing the thickness of the cap bottom (3).

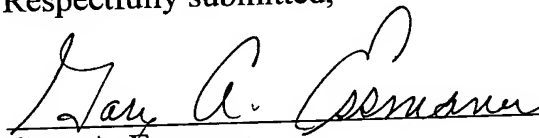
A9 [Claim 8 has been amended as follows:]

8. A screw cap according to claim 1, characterized in that the closure membrane (37) has a greater thickness (d1) at least in a zone wherein it is contacted by the bottle neck than the thickness (d2) in a central zone thereof.

[Claim 9 has been amended as follows:]

9. A screw cap according to claim 1, characterized in that the sealing lip (19) is divided into several segments (19').

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